

CHILDREN MUST SUPPORT PARENTS

When Letter Are Beyond Self Aid, Says Court of Appeals.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 13.—The duty of children to provide for their aged parents was set forth today by the Kentucky Court of Appeals in the case of Jackson Holt vs. Virgil and G. W. Holt. The court held that Jackson Holt, aged 74 years, father of 11 children, conveyed to the appellants 50 acres of land in consideration of a contract that they provide for him the rest of his life. He left the home of the appellants shortly after the contract was made and the property deeded to them, and took up his abode with Ambrose Holt, another son. Afterward suit was brought to rescind the contract on the grounds that fraud and undue influence had been used. The Court of appeals held that the contract should be rescinded, as it was the duty of the children to care for their parents.

ONE MORE YEAR OF U. S. RULE

Taft Recommends Turning Cuban Government Back to the Island People in 1909.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The United States will turn the Government of Cuba back to the Cubans, in March or April of 1909, if the recommendations made by Secretary of War Taft in a letter transmitting to the President the official report of Provisional Governor Morgoon are adopted, the report shows the conditions now to be "very encouraging," and the Secretary believes it will not be necessary to maintain the present provisional Government beyond April of next year.

Mexico's third census will be taken in October, 1910. The census of 1900 gave the number of inhabitants as 13,611,694.

Kentucky to Take Part in Lincoln Anniversary.

That Kentucky is to take, as she should, a leading part in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the greatest Kentuckian, is the determination of Gov. Augustus E. Willson, who has indicated that he will send a special message to the legislature calling their attention to the fact that the event is to occur February 12, 1909, and that this state has as yet made no plans for official celebration of it. As the legislature does not meet next year, plans must be made at this session.

In London there are 747,000 school children, 480,000 of them over 7 years of age, and of these 30,800 are half time wage-earners. About half of them spending during each week 27 hours in school and more than 20 hours in work.

Large Tobacco Receipts in Louisville.

Louisville—Anxiety to get their property in a safe place is keeping the receipts of leaf tobacco up to high water mark. The announcement by Secretary Claude Snyder of the state board of underwriters that the companies might take advantage of the riot and disturbance clause of their policies covering tobacco which has already been destroyed has not tended to allay the uneasiness of the owners who are hurrying to get their property into Louisville. As fast as the tobacco comes in it is insured by the Warehouse company for the benefit of the owner.

MCLEAN COUNTY COURT-HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Only \$10,000 Insurance on \$40,000 Building. Large Private Loss.

The McLean county court house at Calhoun, Ky., was destroyed by fire on the morning of Jan. 9th. The origin of the fire is not known except that it started in the rear of the building. The courthouse was built in 1872 at a cost of about \$40,000 and was insured for only \$10,000, \$5,000 in the Continental and \$5,000 in the Northwestern. Many of the records of the county clerk's office were in a fire proof safe which is believed to be safe, but others of importance were destroyed. The circuit clerk's records of suits, orders, etc were lost.

All of the county officials sustained losses of private property, all of which was uninsured.

A chain two and a half miles long and weighing 25 tons was recently made in England for use in a colliery.

Quiet in Tobacco Circles at Lebanon.

There are no new developments in tobacco circles at Lebanon, Ky. The First Regiment detail seems to have put a quietus on mob violence talk. An effort is being made by the merchants at Springfield to get Mr. Moss, manager of the Continental Tobacco Co., to reopen the house there. Mr. Moss said that he would open the Lebanon house only on condition that the people furnish protection.

The largest quill toothpick factory in the world is now in Paris. It started as a manufactory of quill pens, but when these went out of style it changed to its present business.

Earthquake at Paducah.

Reports have been phoned into local newspaper offices from residents in the city of Paducah and out in the county that an earthquake was distinctly felt there on the night of Jan. 9th about 11 o'clock. The citizens were very much alarmed.

Cider is one of the most popular drinks in Paris. The entire annual consumption for France is about 2,880,000,000 gallons, two-thirds of which is produced in the five departments of Normandy.

Pardoned for Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

Samuel Rosenberry who conducts a second hand store at Louisville and who was convicted of carrying concealed a deadly weapon was pardoned by Gov. Willson. In issuing the pardon Gov. Willson announced that this was his first and only pardon for anyone who had been convicted of carrying a concealed weapon.

Except for the opening of the 38-mile section between Rosslare and Waterford, in August, 1906, there was practically no increase in the mileage of Irish railways opened to traffic between June, 1906, and June, 1907.

Governor Refused to Approve Appointment

Gov. Willson has refused to approve the appointment of D. W. Clark of Barbourville as State Labor Inspector, Thomas D. Davis will get the place. Commissioner Rankin has fixed Feb. 4 for the meeting of the state Farmers' Institute at Frankfort. Two members of the state board of agriculture and officers for the year will be elected.

Mexico has a brewery which has annual receipts of \$6,000,000.

SITUATION AT THE NON-UNION COAL MINES OF THIS FIELD.

By careful inquiry yesterday The Bee found that the non-union coal miners of Hopkins, Webster, Union and Christian were generally at work under normal conditions at the end of the first half of January and the mines operating as follows:

UNION COUNTY.

All non union mines working full-handed and normal output.

WEBSTER COUNTY.

All non-union mines working full-handed and normal output except one small mine (Blackwells) at Clay which it is announced will start up on January 20.

HOPKINS COUNTY.

All mines working with increased output except Oak Hill, which is in the hands of the court, and the mines at Nortonville and Daniel Boone, which are not full-handed but are working with increasing forces.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY.

Mines all at work full-handed and with normal output. The output of coal in these four counties during the two weeks of the alleged "strike" is in excess of the output for the corresponding two weeks in December.

Yesterday afternoon and last night there were busy scenes about the offices of the coal companies throughout the county. It was semi-monthly payday and some \$34,000.00 in cash was paid out to the mine employees for two weeks work.

WATERSON IS ON BECKHAM

Says Nominee Has Had His Day and Can Never Be Elected.

Three Louisville Members Say They Will Never Vote For Beckham.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 14.—Seven Democrats today refused to abide by the decision of the primary election at which Gov. J. C. W. Beckham had been nominated over Senator James B. McCreary for senator. Consequently all is gloom in the Beckhams camp tonight, for wise ones say it seems probable that the deadlock will remain unbroken, and that the Democrats, in sheer desperation, will hold a caucus, disregard their party instructions and unite upon another candidate who will be acceptable to the entire body.

Senator Charlton and McNutt and Representative Maeller, of Louisville, have declared that they would never vote for Beckham under any circumstances. Seventy votes are necessary to a choice, and the first ballot stands:

Beckham, 66; Bradley, 64; others, 6.

Beckham must have four more votes for a majority.

Henry Watterson, in the Louisville Courier-Journal, will say tomorrow:

"From one-third to one-half the members whose votes were cast for ex-Gov. Beckham yesterday would, if they had consulted their individual preference, the good of the party and the honor of the state, have voted for some other Democrat."

"Party regularity, for one thing, and the moral cowardice on the part of thoughtless partisans of yielding to organization what they deny to public opinion, will account for a vote which in every possible way, violates the better judgement of the best Democrats and the best Kentuckians."

"It is conceded, however, that the defeat of ex-Gov. Beckham is now assured and both the party and the state saved from intolerable misrepresentation and discredit."

"The election of ex-Gov. Beckham, under all the circumstances would have meant the surrender of the electoral vote of Kentucky in the coming presidential battle to the Republicans."

"There is nothing behind ex-Gov. Beckham but the broken

fragments of a busted machine. There is nothing in front of him but merited oblivion. He has had his day. He will be henceforth able to do the party no further harm. Let the true men of the legislature, having given the snap primary the benefit of the doubt, now proceed to give the state the benefit of the decision of loyal Kentuckians and the future will be full of buoyant, gratifying hope at once for Democracy and Kentucky."

(By Associated Press.)

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 14.—Prior to the first ballot for United States senator in the legislature today the result was regarded as very uncertain. It was claimed that enough Democratic anti-Beckham votes would be cast to prevent the election of the former governor on the first ballot at least. Separate ballots were cast today in the two houses. In the senate the ballot resulted:

Beckham, 18; Bradley, 16; Chas. K. Wheeler, 1; John B. Castleman, 1; John L. Dodd, 1; D. H. Smith, 1.

In the house the ballot resulted:

Beckham, 48; Bradley, 48; Jas. D. Kehoe, 1; David W. Baird, 1.

One Republican was absent, and Lillard, Democrats, did not vote.

Last British postoffice telegraph was opened at a loss of over \$1,000,000, although the receipts for the year were the largest ever known, reaching a total of \$20,578,880. A review covering thirty-seven years is included in the return, and show that the total loss on the service during the period has amounted to \$17,359,135.

Co. "H" Returned Home Tuesday.

Co. "H" of Louisville, received orders Monday evening to return home, which they did Tuesday morning after being on duty for several weeks in Hopkinsville. Immediately on their departure Co. "D," of Hoptown, went on duty and will remain until relieved by orders of the Governor.

The gatlin gun which was sent there several days ago was formally turned over to Co. "D." This gun will remain in Hopkinsville permanently.

Orders were received from Adjutant General Johnson that a squad should be organized to take charge of the gun, this to be known as the battery squad of the third regiment and subject to orders as such at any time the same as is the military company.

GOV. WILLSON WILL BE IN REACH OF THE PEOPLE

Declares He Will Have Desk in New State House in Public Place.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 10.—The new state capitol commission held its first meeting today and made an inspection of the new capitol. The members are Gov. Willson, Lieut. Gov. Cox, Treasurer Farley, Secretary of State Bruner, Auditor James and Attorney General Breathitt, who in company with Superintendent Fleenor and Secretary Henry Ware, made the inspection.

When the party reached the executive offices in the new building and the arrangement was explained to Gov. Willson he declared positively that he would have his desk in one end of the big reception room, that all the people could come in and see him in their turn. Gov. Willson expressed himself as very much dissatisfied with the arrangements in his present quarters where he is cooped up in a little room and the public compelled to wait in an outer chamber until admitted to his presence.

Lipton Will Challenge.

London, Jan. 13.—Sir Thomas Lipton announced to-day that he will challenge for another race for the America's cup in 1909, according to a dispatch to the news.

Judge Parker Instructs Jury to Investigate Tobacco Situation.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 13.—Judge Parker, in his charge to the grand jury here to-day, instructed that body thoroughly to investigate the tobacco situation declaring that "serious conditions prevail when law and order had to be maintained at the cannon's mouth."

Death of a Sweet Young Girl.

One of the most lovable young girls of Madisonville passed away Sunday night at 11 o'clock.

Till a few weeks ago Miss Katharine Bishop was apparently in the best of health and a beautiful rosy girl just blooming into womanhood, loved by all who knew her and the idol of her parents, sisters and brothers. She was known for her bright happy disposition and scattered sunshine wherever she went. She was a model little Christian being an active member of the Baptist church and all during her long critical illness never faltered in her faith and often spoke of her going and that the dear ones left behind meet her there some sweet day.

Kate was fourteen years of age, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop of Madisonville who survive her, together with seven sisters and three brothers.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Baptist church, conducted by her pastor Rev. J. A. Kirkly. The little body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

WITH AN AX

Jack Knight Lays Open Skull of his Brother-in-law, Who Was Looking for Trouble.

Madisonville, Ky., Jan. 10.—Joel Clayton went after his father-in-law, John Knight, who lives in the northern part of the city, and is said to have threatened the entire family. He met a tartar in his brother-in-law, Jack Knight, who laid open his skull with an ax. Clayton is not expected to live. No weapon was found on him.

HARRY BROWN DAMAGE SUIT REVERSED BY COURT.

Damages Awarded, \$10,000.—Declared by Higher Court to be Excessive.

The Court of Appeals last week reversed a judgment of \$10,000 secured by Harry Brown against the Louisville & Nashville railroad company, from Hopkins county. The court says the trial Judge erred in the instructions to the jury, and that the amount of damage awarded was excessive.

INDEPENDENTS DECIDED NOT TO BUY PLEDGED TOBACCO

Agreements Signed at Hopkinsville at Suggestion of Mayor Meacham.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 10.—Three independent buying houses at Hopkinsville, the Imperial Tobacco company, E. R. Conway, manager; the American Snuff company, W. M. Hanscock, manager, and the Tandy & Farleigh Tobacco company, representatives of the Italian Regie, this morning signed an agreement not to buy any tobacco pledged to the Dark Tobacco association or the American Society of Equity, and not to receive same if it should be unknowingly purchased. This is to contradict the current reports that their buyers are trying to induce farmers in the pool to violate their pledges. The agreement was brought about by Mayor Meacham, in an effort to establish a better feeling between the tobacco buyers and the association.

There are 17,000,000 children in Russia between the age of 6 and 14 receiving absolutely no education.

Paducah's Masts too Tall.

A telegram from Congressman Ollie James was received at Paducah, apprising the city officials that the gunboat Paducah cannot come to the city, the masts being too tall to pass under the Cairo bridge.

The suggestion to have a commission go to New Orleans and present the silver service meets with approval.

Crofton Narchant Files Deed of Assignment.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 13.—David Bourland, general merchant at Crofton, filed a deed of assignment this morning, naming D. T. Cranor as assignee. A schedule of liabilities and assets has not yet been prepared.

Will Urge the Pardon of James Howard.

A committee of prominent Lexington, headed by Maj. I. A. Daingerfield, went to Frankfort last Thursday morning to urge upon Gov. Willson the pardon of James Howard. They will base their application for a pardon on the testimony brought out at the recent trial of Powers.

Owsley Goes Into Banking.

Mr. C. C. Owsley until recently secretary of the Kentucky Exhibit Association at Jamestown has accepted a place as assistant to the President of the American National Bank, Mr. Logan C. Murray. He will have charge of the foreign exchange department. Mr. Owsley is a widely known newspaper man of Louisville, capable, energetic and possesses an unusual amount of executive ability.

First Bill for the Dog.

A bill repealing the "infamous" dog tax law was introduced in the Senate as soon as that body had heard the Governor's message, by Senator Smith, of Knox county. It was the first anti-dog-tax law, and the first bill of the session.